

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A data editing apparatus comprising:

a storage section, including: (i) a first storage area to store audio data and image data that is linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio data, and (ii) a second storage area to store only image data and no audio data;

link release means for canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and image data linked therewith which are stored in the first storage area; and

moving means for moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to the second storage area when the link is canceled by the link release means, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first storage area.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as the image data to be moved is already stored in the second storage area.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto are stored in a first storage area, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and corresponding image data stored in the first storage area; and moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to a second storage area when the link is canceled, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first storage area; wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the second storage area.

5. (New) The data editing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

audio data selecting means for selecting a target audio data  
to be subjected to link addition in an audio data list display  
5 area;

means for selecting image data to be linked with the  
selected audio data from among the image data stored in the  
second folder;

10 means for linking the selected audio data with the selected  
image data and copying the linked selected audio data and  
selected image data to the first folder; and

means for, after the copying of the linked selected audio  
data and selected image data to the first folder, deleting the  
selected image data from the second folder.